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ZAIRIAN NEWS AGENCY (AZAP) BULLETIN, AUGUST 25, CARRIED
FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY ENTITLED, "ZIMBABWE: POWER FROM
THE BARREL OF THE GUN." AFTER NOTING APPROACHING FRONT LINE
STATES MEETING AND RHODESIAN ELECTIONS, EDITORIAL CONTINUES;
"AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF STUBBORNNESS ON THE PART OF THE
REBEL IAN SMITH AND, OF ANGLO-AMERICAN POLITICAL ACROBATICS,
INDEPENDENT AFRICA, WHICH TOTALLY SUPPORTS THE NATIONALIST
MOVEMENTS FIGHTING FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE, NO LONGER
BELIEVES IN THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN
RHODESIA. THERE IS ONLY ONE ALTERNATIVE: INTENSIFICATION OF
THE ZIMBABWE ARMED STRUGGLE BECAUSE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT
POWER IS NOT DISHED OUT ON A SILVER PLATTER; IT MUST BE
OVERTHROWN BY FORCE, THIS WILL REQUIRE GREAT SACRIFICES. IN
THIS CRUCIAL PHASE OF THE HISTORY OF LIBERATION OF THEIR
COUNTRY, THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH
IDEOLOGICAL PARTISANSHIP. THEY MUST UNITE THEMSELVES IN ONE
GRAND PATRIOTIC AND REVOLUTIONARY MOVE IN ORDER TO

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CRUSH THE COMMON ENEMY: COLONIALISM WITH ALL OF ITS
RAMIFICATIONS. THIS IS THE WISE POSITION THAT THE
REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED AS
EVIDENCED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO.
AS PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS EMPHASIZED SO WELL, THE ZIMBABWE
NATIONALISTS, AND ALL WHO SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR STRUGGLE,
MUST REALIZE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF

POWER ARE NO LONGER OF INTEREST. IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO
ACT DECISIVELY'."

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